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SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: HUMAN SETTLEMENTS (AGENDA ITEM 10)

1. SET FORTH AS PARA 3 BELOW IS THE TEXT OF A JOINT GABON/KENYAN SPONSORED RESOLUTION ADOPTED THIS WEEK BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) WHICH BEARS ON THE SUBJECT ECOSOC AGENDA ITEM. THE RESOLUTION A) CALLS FOR THE CENTRAL (GLOBAL) HUMAN SETTLEMENT SECRETARIAT TO BE SITED IN AFRICA; B) SUPPORTS AN EMPHASIS ON REGIONAL BODIES; AND C) CALLS FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF UNEP'S ACTION IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS, INCLUDING HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.

2. PHILIPPINES HAVE PROVIDED US WITH A COPY OF VARIOUS PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO CANADIAN-SWEDISH DRAFT WHICH INTER ALIA PROPOSES A USYG IN LIEU OF A ASYG, VIENNA INSTEAD OF EITHER NEW YORK OR NAIROBI, AND ATTACHES AN EXTENSIVE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART WHICH PUTS THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ENTITY UNDER ECOSOC, AND CREATES AN ADVISORY GROUP REPORTING TO THE USYG. (FYI. DON KING MAY HAVE A COPY OF AN ORGANIZATIONAL CHART WHICH CLOSELY PARALLELS PHILIPPINE PROPOSAL. END FYI.)

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3. "KENYA/GABON JOINT DRAFT RESOLUTION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENT.

THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING IN ITS TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY SESSION IN LIBREVILLE, GABON FROM 23-30 JUNE 1977

CONSIDERING THAT THE PROBLEM OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IS MOST PRESSING  
IN AFRICA THAN IN ANY OTHER PART OF THE WORLD,

CONSIDERING THAT THE MOST APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE ACTION TO DEAL  
WITH THE QUESTION OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS IS THE ONE TAKEN AT BOTH  
NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS,

CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT INTERNATIONAL ACTION FOR COORDINATION  
HELPS TO STRENGTHEN THIS NATIONAL OR REGIONAL ACTION,

CONSIDERING THAT HUMAN SETTLEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE  
TOTAL ENVIRONMENT,

REALISING THE NEED TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN THE ROLE OF UNEP,  
THE ONLY UN INTERNATIONAL ORGAN WITH HEADQUARTERS IN AFRICA,

RECALLING RESOLUTION NO. ....ON HUMAN SETTLEMENT ADOPTED  
ON .....FEBRUARY, 1976 IN ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA,

1. REAFFIRMS ITS WISH THAT THE UNITED NATIONS CENTRAL SECRETARIAT  
FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS SHOULD BE SITED IN AFRICA,

2. URGENTLY CALLS ON THE AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES AT THE ECOSOC TO  
STRONGLY SUPPORT THE IDEA OF ESTABLISHING POWERFUL REGIONAL BODIES  
FOR COORDINATION IN ALL THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS RESPONSIBLE  
FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS,  
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3. SOLEMNLY CALLS FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF UNEP'S ACTION IN THE  
FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS IN-  
CLUDING HUMAN SETTLEMENT."SORENSEN

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